

REMARKS

Claim 22 is pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-12, 25, and 27-37 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1-12, 25, and 27-37 have been canceled to be pursued in a Continuation application. Reconsideration and allowance in view of the above amendments and following remarks are requested as follows.

Entry of the amended claims is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 since the amendments: (1) place the application in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein; (2) do not raise any new issues requiring further search and/or consideration since the amendments amplify issues previously discussed throughout prosecution without incorporating additional subject matter; (3) satisfy a requirement of form asserted in the previous Office Action; and/or (4) place the application in better form for appeal, if necessary. Entry is thus requested.

The Examiner is thanked for the indication that claim 22 is allowed.

The Office Action rejected claims 1-12, 25, and 27-37 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Graham et al. in view of Qian et al. Claims 1-12, 25, and 27-37 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, to be pursued in a Continuation application. Accordingly, the rejection is moot and should be withdrawn.


In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, **Carol L. Druzbeck**, at the telephone number listed below.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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